

## **CHAPTER 4 - CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Reclamation conducted an informational partnering meeting on June 18, 1998 in Bonanza, Oregon. Reclamation prepared and distributed a fact sheet on the proposed Clear Lake Dam modification. Reclamation has coordinated with interested individuals, organizations and agencies regarding the proposed SOD project. The fact sheet described the need for the project, describe alternatives that have been considered, and the environmental resources that may be affected by the project. A draft EA was prepared in December 1998. Subsequent to its preparation, a revised Draft EA was prepared in December 1999 because a new alternative had been developed for consideration. The revised Draft EA was distributed to 41 individuals, organizations and agencies for review and comment from December 3, 1999 through December 30, 1999. A news release was issued by Reclamation announcing availability of the revised Draft EA. Eight comment letters on the revised Draft EA were received. Those letters and Reclamation's responses to the comments are attached in Appendix A.

### **COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

Reclamation is the lead agency for preparation of this EA. Reclamation utilized an interdisciplinary approach to prepare the EA to comply with the mandate of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to "...utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach which will insure the integrated use of the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts in planning and in decisionmaking which may have an impact on man's environment" (40 CFR 1501.2(a)). The principal disciplines involved with preparation of the EA were the following resource specialists:

Environmental Specialist	Fishery biologist
Archaeologist	Outdoor recreation planner
Operations engineer	Dam design engineer
Wildlife biologist	Hydrologic engineer

Representatives of other agencies were also included in preparation of the EA to provide resource expertise, technical assistance and provide ongoing review and input to the environmental analysis. Reclamation requested that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Klamath Basin Refuge Complex be a cooperating agency (as defined @ 40 CFR 1501.6 ) during preparation of this EA. They declined that role but did agree to be a reviewing agency. The U.S. Forest Service, Doublehead Ranger District and the California Department of Fish and Game (Mt Shasta) also agreed to be reviewing agencies. The Klamath Tribe's Cultural Resources staff have been briefed on the project.

Reclamation has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assure compliance with the Endangered Species Act for the proposed project. Reclamation received a list of potentially affected federally-listed threatened and endangered species and included the information for a biological assessment for the project in the Final EA. Reclamation also coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential effects on general fish and wildlife resources. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act regarding the project's effect on threatened and endangered species (Attachment B). Reclamation has conducted formal consultation with the Service regarding the long-term operations of the Klamath

Project, including the operations of Clear Lake and received a Biological Opinion dated July 22, 1992. Reclamation reinitiated consultation for the Operations of Clear Lake Reservoir, based on new information, and received a Biological Opinion dated August 11, 1994. The Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives of this biological opinion included a Clear Lake minimum surface elevation of 4521.0 feet on October 1 of each year. On December 21, 1999, Reclamation requested reinitiation of formal consultation for long-term Klamath Project operation, which includes Clear Lake Dam.

Additional coordination and consultation was conducted with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding potential effects on prehistoric and historic resources. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended in 1992) requires Federal agencies to consult with the SHPO, Tribes and interested members of the public concerning potential effects of Federal actions on Historic Properties.

## LIST OF PREPARERS

Table 4.1 displays the primary individuals involved in preparation of the EA.

**Table 4.1 - Primary Individuals Involved in Preparation of the EA  
Clear Lake Dam Safety of Dams EA**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
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Jim Bryant	Reclamation	Chief, Water and Lands Division	Operation and maintenance
Mark Buettner	Reclamation	Fishery Biologist	Fish and wildlife
Eric Fino	Reclamation	Engineer	Design and engineering
Dan Fritz	Reclamation	Environmental Specialist	NEPA and EA writer
Mary Marshall	Reclamation	Environmental Specialist	Permits
Don Treasure	Reclamation	Environmental Specialist	NEPA
Pat Welch	Reclamation	Archaeologist	Cultural resources